

METEOROLOGY, No. 1.

It is unnecessary to make any comment on the importance of preserving carefully Meteorological Reports from the different Colonies in our hemisphere. I forward you the Abstract of a journal, kept at Melbourne, for the year ending March 1841, and will furnish you at an early period with that of the last year. I think I may also promise you regularly, tables of a similar character from Hobart Town, South Australia, and Port Phillip, on the correctness of which you may rely.

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL JOURNAL AT MELBOURNE.

LAT., 37° 49' 25" S.; LONG., 144° 59' 10" E. STATION, 130 FEET ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE SEA,—FROM APRIL 1840 TO MARCH, 1841 INCLUSIVE.

Date.	Barometer.			Thermometer.			Rain. Inches.	Days with Rain.	Days without Rain.	Winds prevailing on days.							
	Highest.	Lowest.	Main.	Highest.	Lowest.	Main.				N. to N.W.	N.W. to W.	W. to S.W.	S.W. to S.	S. to S.E.	S.E. to E.	E to N.E.	N.E. to N.
1840. April .	30.185	29.555	30.005	87	39	58.75	1.33	6	24	2	1	2	8	3	4	4	6
May .	30.240	29.620	30.042	71	35	53.35	3.93	13	18	4	1	3	8	1	1	6	7
June .	30.360	29.860	30.043	62	34	48.66	0.60	4	26	—	2	2	—	1	3	7	15
July .	30.345	29.660	30.062	63	27	47.66	0.49	5	26	6	2	3	1	2	1	2	14
Aug. .	30.260	29.390	29.889	69	30	49.58	0.87	11	20	9	2	1	9	—	—	2	8
Sept. .	30.250	29.450	29.876	81	32	53.96	3.46	11	19	7	3	3	5	3	2	2	5
Oct. .	30.180	29.480	29.887	84	40	58.71	1.90	6	25	7	2	3	8	7	—	—	4
Nov. .	30.180	29.300	29.914	88	42	58.13	0.99	5	25	7	—	—	20	2	—	—	1
Dec. .	30.090	29.302	29.837	96	51	68.64	4.26	6	25	1	—	3	13	4	2	—	8
1841. Jan. .	30.047	29.473	29.765	94	51	66.64	0.56	4	27	5	—	1	5	18	—	—	2
Feb. .	30.220	29.445	29.840	98	49	67.46	6.80	5	23	1	—	—	10	14	—	—	3
March	30.238	29.525	29.976	86	43	64.27	1.76	5	26	1	1	1	5	11	—	—	12
Mean of the year	29.928			58													
Depth of Rain, and days in which it fell							26.95	81									
Total number of days on which each wind prevailed										50	14	22	92	66	13	23	85
Barometer, highest, 30th June—30.360 ,, lowest, 10th Nov.—29.300							Thermometer, highest, 10th Feb.—98 ,, lowest, 27th July—27										

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METEOROLOGY.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

SYDNEY COLLEGE

We were gratified at having another opportunity of entering the beautiful hall of this Institution; one which from its size, strength, and admirable proportions, reflects infinite credit on the patriotism and taste of its founders.

The public examinations lasted two days, and we shall make a few remarks on the state of the different classes as they came before us. The first day was devoted to the junior classes, and commenced with the examination of the lower school, under Mr. Davidson. This gentleman, who looks like the father of his boys, brought up about 50 little fellows to be examined in English Grammar, Geography, and Arithmetic. They answered very satisfactorily all the questions which were put to them by their master, and by Mr. Braim. Their copy and account books were very creditable to them, and to Mr. Davidson. Next in order, came the classes under the care of Mr. Moore, who has the entire charge of between 40 and 50 youths. These were questioned in the Latin Delectus, Latin and English Grammars, the elements of Geometry, Arithmetic as far as the Double Rule of Three, and Goldsmith's Geography, &c. and we were particularly pleased with the result. Mr. Brown's department next came forward, in subjects similar to the last, but further advanced. On the whole they passed a good examination, but we did not think them well prepared in their Latin parsing, &c. and we saw no signs of any attention having been paid to English composition. Mr. Slatterie's Eutropius, and Mr. O'Brien's lowest Geometry classes, closed the first day's proceedings—both of them did credit to the zeal and ability of their respective masters.

The second day was devoted to the senior forms, as soon as Mr. Slatterie's Cornelius Nepos, and History classes had gone through their various exercises—exercises which they performed to the entire satisfaction of those present. We fancied however, that there was a falling off in this department also in English composition. As Mr. Slatterie's boys did not display any of their Themes, or attempts at versification during the past year, and as it was always supposed that this branch belonged peculiarly to that gentleman, some surprise was naturally felt at the deficiency. In the upper department of the College, we found a table covered with a host of such productions. The subject for the examination Theme for the first class was "*Quicumque semel turpi fraude innotuit, etiam si verum dicit, amittit fidem.*" In our opinion, the papers of Stephen, Crawford, and Bligh were the best. In the 2nd Class, the subject was "*Ira est furor,*" and Owen's was decidedly the best, although many others were respectably done. Some Latin verses, had been written by several of the higher youths, on the subject "*In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth.*" They would have been very well done, had a little more attention been given to the "*Cæsura.*" The English verses were on the "*Rising Sun,*" and Owen and Goodsir, seemed to have surpassed the rest. The perusal of these exercises was to us one of the most interesting features in the examination,—and we earnestly recommend continued attention to this branch, which alone is necessary to ensure complete success.

We must not forget to award due praise to Mr. O'Brien, whose boys were thoroughly prepared in Arithmetic, the higher parts of Algebra, the whole of Euclid, as read at the Universities, and in Snowball's Trigonometry. The skill of this gentleman in Mathematics is undoubted, and we sincerely trust that his laudable exertions will be seconded by the renewed diligence of his pupils. In these subjects great difficulty was experienced from the want of competent examiners; and had it not been for the kind assistance of Captain Perry, we should have been at a great loss. In classics, the higher forms, which are conducted by the Head Master, were examined in Cæsar, Virgil, Horace, Cicero de Senectute, Juvenal, Tacitus, part of the Anabasis of Xenophon, the Orestes of Euripides, and a portion of the first book of Thucydides; all these classes passed very creditably through the ordeal, and gained the approbation of Mr. Lowe, who kindly lent his aid in examining them. This gentleman has been classical examiner to the university of Oxford, and stated that very many men had

come before him for examination, who were not nearly so well prepared as the youths at the College. We observed that Mr. Lowe, put a great number of questions to the students as to the derivation of words—such as “telum” from τῆλε and “cælum” from κῶλον &c. and although they answered many of them, we would suggest the propriety of their paying a little more attention to these interesting niceties. The French classes, had also prepared “Racine’s Iphigenie en Aulide,” and Moliere’s L’Ecole des femmes, and had been apparently well taken care of. Speeches from Thucydides, Cicero, &c. closed the second day’s proceedings.

We were pleased to see so large an assembly of ladies and gentlemen, among whom we recognised His Honor Mr. Justice Stephen, and family; Rev. Dr. Fullerton, the Rev. the Vicar-General, Rev. W. M. Hesketh, M. A., Mrs. Major M’Leod, Captain and Mrs. Hunt, Captain and Mrs. Marsh, Captain Hollingworth, Mr. Hustler, Mr. Purefoy, Captain M’Lean, Captain Innes, and family, Aldermen Allen, and Wilshire, Councillors Flood, Peacock, Foss, and M’Dermott; Mr. Duncan, Mr. Rennie, Mr. Gordon, Captain Perry, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Rae, Mr. Prout, Dr. Bland, Mr. Murphy, Mr. and Dr. Nathan, and Mr. Scarr, with many others whom we did not happen to know. Some disappointment was felt at the absence of His Excellency and suite; Sir Maurice O’Connell; the Right Worshipful the Mayor; and others who were fully expected by all.

The Medals, and Prizes, were distributed by Dr. Bland, the Treasurer to the Institution; and after a parting address from one of the senior boys, the vacation commenced, with three hearty cheers, from the assembled students, who numbered above 200.

Thus terminated the first annual examination, since the establishment has been under the care of its present Head Master,—Mr. Braim.—(Communicated.)

EDUCATION.

The season of the year demands at our hands, some notice relative to our present Educational character. We have had the pleasure during the last few weeks of attending the Annual Examinations of some of our Schools, and are happy to have it in our power to report very favourably of their present state and prospects. The first visit of this kind that we paid was to the College High School. Our attention was attracted by some works of art, with which the walls of the examination room were decorated, and we were pleased with the knowledge some of the scholars displayed in those points of science, which appeared to form a principal element in the instruction at this Establishment. At the St. Mary’s Seminary, we were pleased with the knowledge in Arithmetic and Geometry displayed by the pupils, a knowledge which must have been the result of good training. A novel scene was presented here in the recitation of a Parliamentary debate by the young orators. They performed their work well. We rather like this system of early initiating boys to the art of public speaking, especially here, where we shall soon have need for all our powers in this very particular. Our City Council now requires, and our Representative Assembly will soon demand those men who, by their eloquent persuasion will avert evil, and induce good. It is well then so to train our youth, in subservience always, be it understood, to disciplining the mind, and forming the character. We must not forget the Normal Institution. The classical examination was very creditable, as far as time permitted, by a closer examination we doubt not, more of a pleasing character would have been developed. In Geometry, and Arithmetic, including mental calculation, the proficiency was highly pleasing. Specimens of Penmanship were exhibited on this occasion, superior as we thought to former years. In saying this, we say much. We had not the pleasure of attending the examination at St. James’s Grammar School, but report speaks of the healthy state of this school. Last but not the least, we must notice the Infant School. We have a respect for the principle of Infant Schools, and although we object to something in the details of most we have seen, yet we admire their general working, and their valuable results. Here we were delighted at the readiness with which answers were given to questions in various branches of knowledge, and especially

remarked the admirable means of—we were about to say, *insinuating* lessons of morality and virtue, by every exercise. One remark we beg leave to make; are not some of the children now under the influence of this system, rather too old to be kept much longer at an *Infant School*? We make the remark for two reasons. - 1st. Because we think these children are not reaping all the advantages they might obtain if introduced to higher schools, and 2nd. Because we have heard that many for whom the Institution is actually designed, are kept away, as there is scarcely room for the admission of any more. We have but one feeling in making this remark, a desire for the increasing prosperity of the school, whose friends already owe so much to the unwearied labours of its master. On the whole then we are happy to find that our schools are in so good a condition. These annual examinations do good; they let the public see what is doing, they inspire the youthful mind with honorable emulation, they bring the subject of education at least once a year under the attention of people who would otherwise never think of it, and we hope will soon have the effect of shaming them out of their apathy. In connection with the subject of examinations we have one or two more observations to make. We have given what we consider due praise to each of those establishments we had the pleasure of inspecting, but at the same time we candidly confess we should have been more satisfied if the examination of classes had not devolved solely on the masters. We should like visitors to have been invited to take a part, those visitors who, by their presence on these occasions proved their interest in the prosperity of the Institutions. It appears a mark of courtesy which is but due. Again an opinion prevails, we say not how truly, that these examinations are nothing more than annual displays of successful "cramming," in particular subjects, so as to form a puff direct of the merits of the school. In order to remove such an opinion, would not the plan we have hinted above, be found desirable? Let each master begin the examination of his own class, and after a certain amount of work has been so done, let further enquiries be courted from all those who are competent to conduct an investigation. The possibility of any insinuation would then be done away. We who know perhaps more of the internal machinery of schools than those who make this *good natured* remark, do not for one instant suppose that such a system exists as that to which we have referred, but then it would be well to let the public see that it does not. We think also, that on these occasions by far too many prizes are given. To gain these rewards ought to be a work of long-continued, severe, unremitting exertion, coupled with unblemished character; when attained, they should be regarded with something approaching to reverence, and cherished with sacred care. The Olympic wrestler toiled even to agony to win his chaplet of parsley or other garland, and when obtained, his joy amounted almost to rapture, while the acclaim of thousands applauded his success. But in the pursuit of knowledge, success in fact, is its own reward, and yet we lavish extraneous honours almost without discretion. We have written as we feel; we feel there are many evils in the system at present pursued, and shall be glad if these hints induce others seriously to think of the whole subject. As the season for resuming the labours of the respective schools returns, let all unite in the performance of their peculiar duties, let our pupils be unweariedly diligent, let parents assist and co-operate with the instructors of their young, let these teachers feel themselves charged with the responsibility of parents, and all unitedly determine to relax no effort till we are by our education, what by our geographical position and other facilities Providence evidently designed us to be—the metropolis of the southern world, the rival of older states.

The good citizens of Sydney, have been employed for the last few days in the arrangements preliminary to the election of members for the Representative House of Legislature. Up to the time of our writing, six candidates have presented themselves.

Captain O'Connell's friends met him on Monday, and received from the gallant gentleman an exposition of his views. His supporters appear united, and sanguine of success. Dr. Bland and Mr. Wentworth have united, and met their adherents on Tuesday. The long experience of these gentlemen in colonial po-

litics, has secured for them many friends. Mr. Wentworth, like the gallant Captain, is an Australian, and much nationality is enlisted on their side. Dr. Bland is known as having taken an active part in most topics of public interest, and in private life he lives in the esteem of all. Mr. Hustler, is quietly, but very steadily pursuing a canvass, successful, we are informed, as far as it has extended.

Mr. R. Cooper, sen., and Mr. G. R. Nicholls have but lately announced themselves, and their committees have not yet publicly announced their movements. Both these gentlemen are well known to our colonial public. The *Herald* of December 27 announces the probability of Mr. Thomas Walker, being brought forward. As long connected with the commercial interests, and as standing high among our merchants, no doubt his return will be hailed with pleasure. We shall watch the contest, and report accordingly; but, mindful of our pledge, shall abstain from expressing party opinion.

Our City Council continue to hold their meetings, and under the direction of the Right Worshipful the Mayor, conduct their deliberations with the gravity and dignity befitting their important trust. Their public acts have been hitherto mostly provisional. We shall hope in our next to have to report the result of their deliberations, on the subjects of markets, police, assessment, water rate, &c. &c. The reports that have been brought up, are creditable to the industry and intelligence of the committees. The Mayor's dinner went off creditably to all parties. It was pleasing to see all classes of our community, from His Excellency, to the humblest individual present uniting to pay honour to the establishment of free British institutions in our colony. Long may such institutions flourish, and Australia, under them increasingly advance. The gloom which oppressed us at the beginning of the month has been now happily removed by the seasonable showers with which we have been lately visited. The country wears a favourable and promising appearance, and we hope our prosperity will suffer nothing from the temporary drought we endured.

May we beg respectfully to solicit from our country friends occasional communications on subjects of general interest with which we are anxious to supply our readers. In the town we are busy in "making merry," we have not yet forgotten our Christmas festivities, and have not as yet returned to the details of business. Our subscribers will we trust, excuse the meagreness of this monthly summary, and remember, that the labour of for the first time appearing as an editor, and preparing a magazine of the size we now present, has occupied that time which we should have been happy to employ in collecting more abundant materials. If we may ask your patience for one month, gentle readers, we will endeavour to render this, and every part of our Miscellany increasingly attractive.

We have a lengthy article in type upon the Theatrical occurrences of the month, to which we propose devoting a due portion of our space in future, but the quantity of copy already in our printer's hands has obliged us to postpone this not the least interesting of our local intelligence.

PORT PHILLIP.

The news from Port Phillip for the month comprises an account of the municipal elections; the formation of a new masonic lodge; a successful attempt on the part of Captain Smythe to rear the hop plant; the erection of a new Mechanic's School of Arts, and a small Catholic Chapel. A sale of town allotments at Portland, will take place in Melbourne, on the 8th March—upset price £100 per acre. According to Hardy's shipping list, the following vessels were laid on for Port Phillip and Sydney, *Possidone*, Oct. 10; *Alicia*, Sept. 15; *Parkfield*, Sept. 20; and for Port Phillip, alone, *Enmore*, Sept. 15.

We have to apologize to our Port Phillip friends, as also to those in Sydney, interested in that district, for the scanty nature of our report this month, our arrangements not having been fully made, we have laboured under many disadvantages:—they may rest assured, that in future, we shall not fail to give an abstract of every thing connected therewith, which may appear to us as likely to interest all parties.

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Saunders. Rev. John	Toogood A., Mr	Wells W., Mr
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Savage A., Esq, R.N.	Thornton G., Esq	Watson J., Mr
Smith C. J., Esq, Wollon-	Thomas W., Mr	Walford J., Esq
gong	Tempest W. H., Mr	Young W., Mr

The following names were received too late for insertion in their proper places:—

Elwin Hastings, Esq,	Cunningham J., Mr	Swaine S. R., Esq
Sydney	Forrest R. Rev., Campbell	Hassall J., Esq
Bastian J., Esq	Town	Doyle E., Mr
Watson T. H., Mr	Howe W., Esq, J. P.	Johnson D., Esq

We have to apologise for many omissions in the foregoing list. This apology is more particularly due to our country subscribers; our Agents not having forwarded their names in sufficient time to enable the printer to give them insertion.

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PROFESSOR OF THE PIANO-FORTE AND SINGING,

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To the Independent Electors of the City of Sydney.

GENTLEMEN,—The birthright of Englishmen being no longer withheld from you, I lose no time in announcing that it is my intention, so soon as the necessary preliminary steps shall have been taken, to offer myself as a candidate for the distinguished honour of representing you in the first Legislative Assembly.

Belonging to no party, but that of my adopted country, I have not been taught to consider my principles as formed for the purpose of obtaining and retaining power for any man or body of men, nor would I have you believe, that the object I have to serve by the attainment of this, my ambition, is any other than that country's good. I shall, I trust, in the course of a few days, be enabled personally to solicit your votes, till when, I hope you will take the assurance of my anxious wish to further the welfare of the City, and that, if elected, nothing shall be wanting on my part to advance its interests, as well as to make those interests, as far as in me lies, conducive to the advantage of the colony at large.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. HUSTLER.

Sydney December 8.

To the Electors of the City of Sydney.

GENTLEMEN,—Having announced my intention of offering myself as a candidate for your suffrages at the ensuing election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, it is essentially necessary that I should put you in possession of the knowledge of the principles by which I shall be guided should it be your pleasure to place your confidence in me.

It is perhaps difficult to find any decided test like that which unfortunately exists in the Mother Country, by which political opinions may be tried. Allow me, however, to declare that I am a sincere friend of civil and religious liberty.

This being my adopted land, and having no intention of ever quitting it, and firmly trusting, that, from the occurrences of the past years, and the manner in which I have defended the interests of all with whom I have come in contact, I boldly claim the title of a true Australian colonist, being a freeholder of its soil.

Fully aware of the responsibility attached to the honorable post to which I now aspire, and sensible of the duties, which will be arduous and complicated, and can only be performed faithfully and beneficially by one, who, through evil and good reports, and whatever may be the inducement to swerve from his public duty, yet has the courage to pursue that course, which, in his honest opinion, is most likely to promote the local advantage of his constituents and the general interests of the colony. This shall be the constant rule by which my conduct will be guided, sparing neither pains nor labour to discharge my duty towards you; and I will, if elected, enter the Legislative Council fettered by no tie but that of my patriotic feelings to this my adopted country.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant.

WILLIAM HUSTLER.

To the Independent Electors of the City of Sydney.

GENTLEMEN,—Upwards of twenty years since, I obtained for this colony the repeal of certain destructive local duties on its principal exports at that time; the removal of some restrictions as to the use of the Crown Lands, which were incompatible with the prosperity of our grazing interests. I was also instrumental in procuring the adoption of other measures for the relief of our agriculture, at that time almost destroyed. Since that period, I have unremittingly laboured with other friends of the colony, in the establishment of means for affording a liberal education to our youth, on a scale commensurate to its growing requirements. I have afforded much of my time in various departments, in the management of our two principal national institutions for the relief of our decayed citizens, and for seventeen or eighteen years, more particularly for the last six or seven years, I have been unremitting in my exertions, in connexion with other friends of civil and religious liberty, and of good government, to obtain and to preserve to us, not only those free institutions of which we are already possessed, but that also which we are now about to enjoy.

So long a period of almost unremitting exertion in the public affairs of this colony, has at least afforded me the means of obtaining much information and practical experience. This has induced me to offer myself as a candidate at the ensuing election; and should I obtain the distinguished honour of being elected to represent this important City in the local legislature about, for the first time, to be established, I will at least pledge myself to endeavour to promote the best interests of the constituency which I shall have the honour to represent, and of the colonists generally, with unabated exertion.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient Servant.

W. BLAND.